

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Thursday, May 24, 2018
Lafayette County Courthouse, Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Schilling and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer from Green County. Torkelson and Winters from Green County and Ross from Iowa County was absent.

Mr. Wolfe acted as the chairman and asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting but there was not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of both the March 29 meeting and the April 26 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to nominate Mr. Heimann as the Chairman of the TCTC committee. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Schilling to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Heimann and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Bartels to nominate Mr. Wolfe as the Vice Chairman of the TCTC committee. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Blumer to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Wolfe and the motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail:

Tom is continuing to work with FEMA representatives to secure some funding for repair work and addition of base materials to areas of the trail that were affected by the July 19-23, 2017 flooding. Estimates of material lost and clean up done is about \$42,000. The remainder of the DNR maintenance funds for the 17-18 season need to be used by June 30, 2018.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail:

Lee has been doing some grading and placing some materials where they are needed. Mowing will begin shortly. Lee is also working with Josh Goebel regarding a fencing issue along the area that was rip rapped where Ames Branch meets the Pecatonica River.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs: The trail is now open soon to all ATV/UTV use. The county is ready to grade the trail and apply some needed gravel

where the flood of last July did damage. Green County ATV Club has had the county grade their portion of the trail as well.

Legislative update: The DNR would like to know about Winter ATV usage along the trail. If we would decide to open the trail for Winter use, there could be additional maintenance money available.

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds: Tom presented the current Status of Funds. A motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve as presented. The motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment included \$1,784.69 from Ivey Construction for gravel, and \$10,013.60 from the Green County ATV Club for invoices from Voegeli Landscaping. (a note: Green County ATV Club has a balance of \$6,092.19 in their account and \$3,000 additional from unused snowmobile funds from The State Line TrailBlazers for a total of \$9,092.19. The TCTC will pay them \$9,092.19 and they will be responsible for the remaining \$921.41. A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Schilling to approve and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 21 in Green County.

Submitted 6/21/18 trj